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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

CLAUDE R. FRAZIER

CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-3110

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VERSUS

U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE DRELL

TIMOTHY KEITH, et al

U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE KIRK

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Before the court is a motion by plaintiff for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction [Doc. # 9]. Plaintiff claims that the doctor has prescribed a soft mattress for him and the prison has refused to provide it.

Rule 65 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

(b) A temporary restraining order may be granted without written or oral notice to the adverse party or that party's attorney only if (1) it clearly appears from specific facts shown by affidavit or by the verified complaint that immediate and irreparable injury, loss or damage will result to the applicant before the adverse party or that party's attorney can be heard in opposition, and (2) the applicant's attorney certifies to the court in writing the efforts, if any, which have been made to give the notice and the reasons supporting the claim that notice should not be required.

In order for plaintiff to obtain a preliminary injunction, he must show: (1) a substantial likelihood that his cause will succeed on the merits, (2) a substantial threat of irreparable injury if the injunction is not granted, (3) that the threatened injury outweighs the threatened harm the injunction may do to the opposing party, and (4) that the court granting the injunction will not disserve the public interest. Piedmont Heights Civic Club, Inc. v. Moreland, 637 F.2d 430 (5th Cir. 1981).

In the instant case, plaintiff has failed to meet the requirements set forth above. The facts alleged do not appear by affidavit and the motion is not verified. Further, plaintiff has not alleged any specific facts to show that immediate and irreparable injury, loss, or damage will result to him. Plaintiff's complaints can be addressed in connection with the main demand. Indeed, the main demand in the lawsuit is regarding these same allegations. Plaintiff's motions for preliminary injunction and temporary restraining order should be denied.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, IT IS RECOMMENDED that plaintiff's request for temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction [Doc. #9] be DENIED.

OBJECTIONS

Under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C) and Fed.R.Civ.P. 72(b), the parties have fourteen (14) calendar days from service of this Report and Recommendation to file specific, written objections with the clerk of court. A party may respond to another party's objections within fourteen (14) days after being served with a copy thereof. A courtesy copy of any objection or response or request for extension of time shall be furnished to the district judge at the time of filing. Timely objections will be considered by the district judge before he makes his final ruling.

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TO FILE WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) CALENDAR DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ITS SERVICE SHALL BAR AN AGGRIEVED PARTY, EXCEPT UPON GROUNDS OF PLAIN ERROR, FROM ATTACKING ON APPEAL THE UN-OBJECTED-TO PROPOSED FACTUAL FINDINGS AND LEGAL CONCLUSIONS ACCEPTED BY THE DISTRICT JUDGE.

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THUS DONE AND SIGNED in chambers, in Alexandria, Louisiana, on this 10th day of March, 2014.

JAMES D. KIRK

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE